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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

1. We, Zaki A. Khan, Michael D. McCannell, Koji Uno and Patrick Basile, do declare and state:

2. We are the sole inventors of pending Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 20 of the above-identified application.

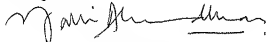
3. Prior to May 23, 2003, we completed our invention as described and claimed in the above-identified application, as evidenced by the rear vehicle seat described in attached Exhibit A, drawings, wherein:

- a. As shown in Exhibit A, we invented a foldable seat having a seat cushion with a forward portion, a rearward portion, a top portion and a bottom portion, the seat cushion being pivotable about the rearward portion. A forward support leg is pivotably coupled to the bottom portion of the seat cushion proximate the forward portion. A seatback having an upper portion and a lower portion is arranged such that the lower portion of the seatback is proximate the rearward portion of the seat cushion. The forward support leg automatically folds into a stowed position proximate the bottom portion of the seat cushion when the seat cushion is pivoted upwardly, and automatically unfolds into an extended position generally perpendicular to the seat cushion when the seat cushion is pivoted downwardly.

4. Exhibit A attached hereto was prepared by us or under our direct supervision. All work and associated writings were carried out in the United States.

5. Exhibit A relates to the aforementioned conception and reduction to practice, corresponding to the invention broadly disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



Zaki A. Khan

5/16/2008

Date

Michael D. McCannell

Date

Koji Uno

Date

Patrick Basile

Date

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Zaki A. Khan

Date

Michael D. McCannell

Date



Koji Uno

15-May '08

Date

Patrick Basile

Date

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Date

EXECUTION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 BY ASSIGNEE

(MPEP § 715.04)

1. Honda Motor Co., Ltd. ("Honda") is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-captioned patent application, as evidenced by the assignment recorded at reel 015129, frame 0217 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. Inventor Michael D. McCannell is no longer employed by Honda and is unavailable to execute the above declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. In the alternative, the undersigned hereby signs this declaration on behalf of Honda in accordance with MPEP § 715.04(I)(D).

I hereby declare that I am authorized to sign a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 on behalf of Honda. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

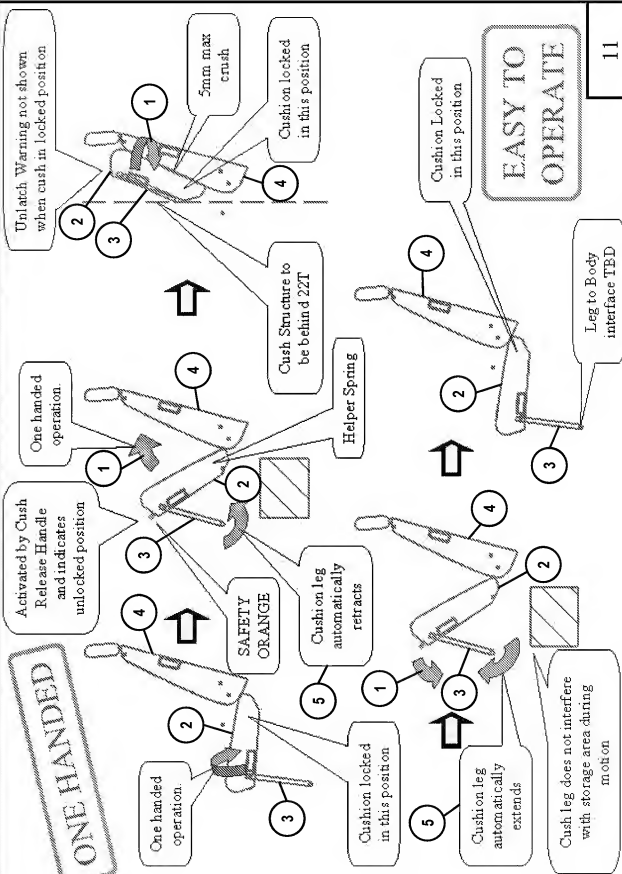
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Senior Managing and Representative Director
Title

Mikio Yoshimi
Printed Name

May 18, 2008
Date

2 (c). RR SEAT FUNCTION (CUSHION OPERATION)



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2. Rear Seat Concept

OVERVIEW

"Best-in-class" three passenger occupant accommodation

MDX space in SUT package

Back : One piece (sedan-type)

OUTER H/R 2-WAY MEET NEW FMVSS 202 REMOVABLE TO ALLOW CHILD TETHER ANCHOR ROUTING

NESTED CENTER PILLOW
(*) 2-WAY

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Cushion :
40/60 Split

(*) HEIGHT SAME AS OUTER H/R WHEN FULL UP
CTR FULL UP-OUT FULL DOWN

BACK FIX TO BODY
2-UPPER HOOKS
AND TO CUSH 3-
LOWER BOLTS

CENTER ARMREST
WITH CUP HOLDER
AND PULL STRAP

ALL SHARP EDGES AND
EXPOSED STEEL TO BE
COVERED

Large under-seat storage:
:Create "Honda" like
distinction (uniqueness).

Seat cushion folds up and leg
retracts automatically to
allow flexibility in cargo
storage.

CUSHION BRKTS
ATTACH TO BODY
USING M8 BOLTS

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ONE-HAND, ONE-STEP
CUSH TIP-UP HANDLE

HARD STAY-
TYPE
BUCKLES

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CUSHION SUPPORT BARS
FIT INTO FLOOR
RETAINER (NOT SHOWN)

3pt Belt for all
3 occupants

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